

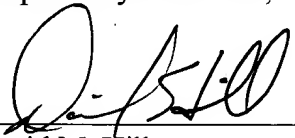
1 REMARKS

2 Initially, applicant thanks the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter in pending Claim 26.
3 To expedite prosecution of the allowable claim(s), applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 3 and 5-25, amended
4 Claim 26 to include all of the limitations of Claim 1, and added new Claims 27-42 (which are rewritten
5 Claims 3 and 5-25 to depend from amended Claim 26). Importantly, applicant has not cancelled Claims
6 1, 3 and 5-25 for any substantial reason related to patentability as discussed by the Supreme Court in
7 *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 122 S. Ct. 1831 (2002). Applicant
8 reserves the right to prosecute all cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

9 In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present invention represents a
10 patentable contribution to the art and that Claims 26-42 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable
11 action is accordingly solicited.
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